



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Thunderbolt Career and Technology Center
Grades: 10-12 **Enrollment: 705**
Director: Bob McKinnon
Board Chair: P. A. Pournelle
Superintendent: Charles W. Gale Jr.

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Average	At-Risk	Silver	Met	N/A
2006	Good	Good	N/A	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF CAREER CENTERS IN SC*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
34	2	1	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/18/2009. All Career Centers in South Carolina are included.

TECHNICAL SKILL ATTAINMENT

The percentage of students enrolled in career and technology courses at a center who earn a 2.0 or above on the final course grade.

Our Center	State Center Average (%)
n	%
608	80.6%
	85.2%

GRADUATION RATE

The number of 12th grade career technology education students who graduate in the spring is divided by the number of 12th graders enrolled in the center and converted to a percentage.

Our Center	State Center Average (%)
n	%
111	91.9%
	94.4%

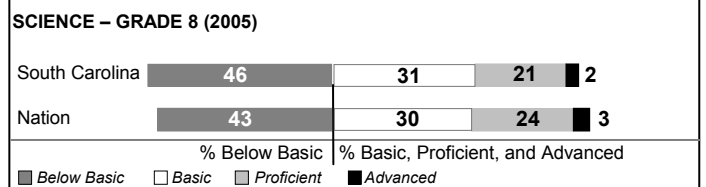
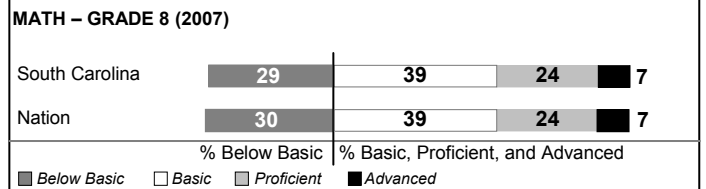
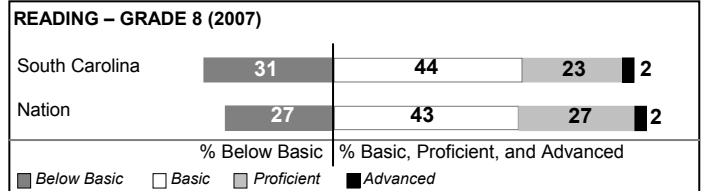
PLACEMENT RATE

The number of career and technology completers who are available for placement in postsecondary instruction, military services, or employment is divided into the number of students over a three-year period who are actually placed and converted to a percentage. This criterion mirrors the Perkins standard.

Our Center	State Center Average (%)
n	%
286	97.9%
	97.4%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

Abbreviations Key

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our Center	Change from Last Year	Median Career Center
Students (n=705)			
With disabilities other than speech	11.8%	Up from 0.0%	9.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	14.3%	Down from 20.1%	20.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	705	No Change	675
Students participating in work-based experiences	29.5%	Up from 21.4%	20.6%
Teachers (n=15)			
Teachers with advanced degrees	33.3%	No Change	27.2%
Continuing contract teachers	93.3%	No Change	71.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	6.7%	No Change	19.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	95.6%	Up from 91.1%	92.5%
Teacher attendance rate	92.6%	Down from 94.6%	95.6%
Average teacher salary	\$47,120	Up 4.8%	\$46,693
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	N/A	N/A
Center			
Director's years at Center	7.0	Up from 5.0	4.0
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$2,332	Up 11.7%	\$3,234
Prime instructional time	N/R	N/R	N/A
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	61.1%	Up from 50.3%	55.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	71.8%	Down from 75.5%	63.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	17	83	44
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	96.4%	88.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	97.6%	79.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	58.8%	90.2%	83.7%

* Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Students need to take advantage of ALL the opportunities that are available to them in high school. Today's careers demand that students prepare by using their minds and their hands to find success in the technology generation. Whether a student is going to a 2-or 4-year college, the military, or directly into the workplace after graduation the opportunities available at Thunderbolt Career & Technology Center will be beneficial. TCTC is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

We believe that students need strong academic and technical courses before graduation from high school. Of the 24 units needed for a high school diploma, at least 4 may be electives focused on a specific career area of interest. This will earn the students a Completer Certificate and give them advanced skill preparation for their future careers while still in high school. In 2008, more than 98% of our program completers were enrolled in a 2-or4-year college, serving in the military, or employed when surveyed 10 months after graduation from high school.

All Career & Technology programs have a student organization for students to compete and participate in leadership development and community service projects. Each year students are provided the opportunity to compete in their skill area in district, state, and national events from our Center. In 2008 TCTC produced State Champions in SkillsUSA, FBLA, Pro-Start, and HOSA with a school record twelve (12) students going to National Competition.

Career and Technology Education is an important part of the total educational process for ALL students. Students need to be given opportunities to make connections between what they are learning in school and how they will apply it in the future. The SC Chamber of Commerce surveyed South Carolina's workplace and stated in Skills Work 2000 that "education is the key to a good job, but only skills unlock the door to success." Academic and technical coursework needs to be integrated so that students see connections and reach their highest potential.

Worked Based Learning, giving our students an opportunity to job shadow, mentor experience, co-op, or serve in an apprenticeship experience is encouraged for all students.

Our Career Guidance Department is ready to assist our students on their "Personal Pathways to Success" as they plan their career pathway and select a career cluster of study leading to a career major.

Join us at Thunderbolt Career and Technology Center where our students and instructors are "Focused on the Future and Building Careers for Success."

Bob McKinnon, Director
Danny Leshowitz, School Improvement Chairman

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